



Staunton Country Park

Removal of derelict structure

Building recording and analysis





Recent works to remove vegetation has exposed a building thought to have been used as a water storage structure as part of the mansion, built in the 1860's following the purchase of the estate by W.H. Stone.

It was not part of Staunton's original Regency Landscape, which the current proposals seek to recreate, through urgently needed landscape restoration works and conservation of the key historic features. There are however, plans to redefine the Stone mansion footprint using raised feature stonework set into the ground. It is considered the removal of this derelict structure will enhance the impact of these works.

This report includes images to record the construction techniques of this structure.

Access into the structure was limited, due to the unsafe nature and the raised surrounding ground levels.

Demolition will commence on Monday 14th October 2019.





The external wall is constructed in a 1 ½ brick masonry English bond, and finished internally with a render, to create a water storage tank. The external walls are strengthened by brickwork piers on each corner and a mid span pier on the long elevations. There is a large opening in one wall. The jambs have been faced up with mortar which would suggest that it was not part of the original structure.





The roof covering has been removed. Until recently it did have a corrugated metal sheet covering, which was stripped over a weekend. The structure consists of several low pitch timber trusses and purlins. There are some interesting carpenters marks where spliced joints were made.





Internally the walls have a render finish with exaggerated formed coved corner details typical for a water storage structure.